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1. The class of 1931 and the half of the class of 1930 not previously called
up will be called to military service on 1 July 1950.

2. From 20 to 25 February 1950 there were released from the border guard units
all men who had completed 36 months of military service. New recruits will
fill the vacancies thus created. [redacted] the men of the
border guard are chosen at random without any definite criterion. Whole
battalions have been assigned to border guard duty without any selection be-
ing made among the men in those battalions.

3. There is a wide-spread rumor among the citizens that an 18-months period
of service will be established for the infantry and a 24-months period for
the border guard units.

4. The Independent Brigade of Vlone is located as follows:

a. The base is at Vlone. The commanding officer is a Captain Class "B",
who recently arrived from Moscow. [redacted]
[redacted] The Political Commissar is Mahmut Agoll, also a Captain Class "B".

b. The Brigade has two infantry regiments (1 and 2) and a unit of mountain
artillery. [redacted] 20 pieces of mountain artillery and 50 mules,
[redacted]

c. An infantry regiment has three battalions and a battalion has four
companies (two rifle companies, one mortar company and one machine-gun
company).

d. The battalions designated for border guard duty had German weapons. A
squad had 13 Mauser rifles and one German automatic rifle which was
used for training by the entire platoon. The mortar companies and
machine-gun companies had, in addition to their rifles, three Soviet
mortars and three heavy Maxim machine guns which were used for training
purposes. The mortars were 82 mm, 1941 model.

e. The infantry battalions of the Independent Brigade had the same composition
and strength, but they had Soviet weapons.

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f. The commanding officer of 3 Battalion, 1 Regiment, was Captain Class "B", Sefket Lugo; the Political Commissar was Harito Çaku. The acting commanding officer of 2 Company was Sefer Isoni, a warrant officer from Gjinokaster, and the Political Commissar was Ramazan Hoxha, a warrant officer from Mati.

25X1 5. The base of the border guard battalion is at Leskoviki. Its 1 Company is based at Erseke It has guard-posts with a strength of 22 to 25 men each under a warrant officer at the following points:

- a. Areza (M. 944-156), under the command of Giorgi Buda, a warrant officer from Leskoviki.
- b. Gionts (M. 95-18).
- c. Tatsi (M. 95-23).
- d. Rahova (M. 97-26).
- e. Stari (not on map).
- f. Skorovot (N. 992-324).
- g. Bezan (N. 99-34).

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25X1 7. In Erseke and Leskoviki there are other infantry units besides the border guard units

25X1 8. Fortifications have been constructed on the height around Vlone. they have installed anti-aircraft rapid-fire guns and three anti-aircraft cannon at various points

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